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a spool (not illustrated) for winding of the finished tape fibers 54.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

93 1.(Amended) A method of producing polypropylene tape fibers comprising the sequential steps of

a) extruding a heated formulation of polypropylene comprising at most about 2000 ppm, preferably at most about 1500 ppm, more preferably at most about 1000 ppm, and most preferably below about 800 ppm, of a nucleator compound into a film or tube;

b) immediately quenching the film or tube of step "a" to a temperature which prevents orientation of polypropylene crystals therein;

c) slitting said film or tube with cutting means oriented longitudinally to said film or tube thereby to produce individual tape fibers therefrom;

d) mechanically drawing said individual tape fibers at a draw ratio of at least 5:1 while exposing said fibers to a temperature of at between 250 and 360°F, thereby permitting crystal orientation of the polypropylene therein.

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94 6.(Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the drawing temperature of step "e" is between 260 and 330°F.

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7.(Amended) The method of Claim 6 wherein the drawing temperature of step "e" is between 270 and 300°F.

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9.(Amended) The method of Claim 2 wherein the drawing temperature of step "e" is between 260 and 330°F.

10.(Amended) The method of Claim 9 wherein the drawing temperature of step "e" is between 270 and 300°F.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 9-10 are pending within this application. Claims 5 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 6, 7, 9, and 10 have been amended. No Claims have been added. The amendments to the specification have specifically been to correct for the mistaken labeling of certain temperatures as celsius when, in fact, they were intended to be in fahrenheit degrees. Clearly, the temperature levels with the celsius labels would have been so high that the target polypropylene fibers would have been melted (if not completely destroyed) during processing. Furthermore, it is evident from the temperatures listed in Example 1, at least, that the correct degree labels are fahrenheit. The claims have been amended likewise, as well as to correct for incorrect listings of preferred ranges within a single claim, with further amendments to correct